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1. South Vietnam

Ky, in sacking General Thi, displayed great confidence and political adroitness

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Thi is said to have capitulated gracefully, finally even agreeing to leave the country for four months. So far there have been no signs of counter-action by Thi's friends, but no one will breathe easily until he actually leaves.

2. Vietnam

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3. Communist China

Chief of State Liu Shao-Chi and Foreign Minister Chen Yi are to arrive in Karachi later this month as official guests for the celebration of Pakistan Day. The two officials may also stop in Afghanistan.

Peking may have in mind a rather broad diplomatic effort to try and regain some of the ground it has lost abroad in recent months. Premier Chou En-lai has scheduled a March trip which, at last report, includes Rumania and Albania.

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4. Indonesia

The students were on the rampage again today. In the past three days they have gutted Indonesia's own foreign ministry and three buildings housing Chinese Communist activities.

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Ambassador Green is taking what added security precautions he can against the possibility of further attacks on our facilities.

Djakarta is full of rumors about fireworks this weekend. Among the possibilities being bruited about are an attempt by Sukarno to displace General Suharto or some sort of pre-emptive action by the hesitating generals.

5. Tanzania

US officials in Dar es Salaam consider that the country's growing economic troubles may lead to an attempt to unseat Nyerere's government. Nyerere himself has been badly shaken by the rash of coups elsewhere in Africa and is taking special precautions for his personal safety. Nyerere disappeared completely during the army mutiny in early 1964, which was finally put down by British forces.

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6. Kenya

The government of Kenya is also concerned over the chances of a coup. President Kenyatta, believing that the Communists would be the most likely instigators, is ordering six Soviet and Chinese diplomats out of the country. The six were fingered by a blue-ribbon security committee as having covert relations with Kenya's left-leaning Vice President Oginga Odinga. The latter yesterday issued a blast against Kenyan moderates and then retired to his home village.

7. Guatemala

An official announcement of the final election returns has been withheld. It is now certain, however, that none of the three presidential candidates will get a majority. This will throw the election into the lap of the new congress which meets on 5 May.

At present, the two rightist parties, taken together, do not appear to have won enough seats in the congress to deny Mendez the presidency.

The rightists, along with the government, will bend every effort to change this situation, but it may be too late to do so in constitutional channels. If so, the pressures on Peralta to nullify the elections in some way will grow.

Somewhere along the line, Mendez will likely come to feel he is being robbed of the election, and his followers may well take to the streets.

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8. Cuba

A huge broadcasting center being built just outside Havana should be ready for use in about three months. It is obviously meant for broadcasts to Central and South America. Since Radio Havana already saturates this area, the new facility may be intended for Soviet use.

9. Soviet Union

Moscow's two space dogs, nearing their 17th day in orbit, are still in good condition.

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, the Soviets are deriving much information which should be useful in planning manned flights of long duration. The signs point to at least a 30-day flight for the dogs.

10. France

Foreign Minister Couve de Murville is set to visit Rumania and Bulgaria in late April. He may also go to Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary sometime this summer. These trips could, of course, be the forerunner of a grand De Gaulle swing through Eastern Europe.

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